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Application No. **09/960,703**) Art Unit: **1744**
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For: **Methods for sterilizing biological materials**)
containing non-aqueous solvents)

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Respectfully submitted,

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